

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Charles E. Hunter & John H. Hebrank ) Group Art Unit: 2167  
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Application No.: 09/493,854 ) Examiner: Gerald J. O'Connor  
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Filed: January 28, 2000 )  
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For: MUSIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM )  
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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In an Office Action mailed November 27, 2001, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the claims of Group I (specified to include claim 1) and the claims of Group II (specified to include claim 2). Applicants note that on October 15, 2001, prior to the Office Action of November 27, a Preliminary Amendment was filed adding claims 3-51. A copy of this Preliminary Amendment is attached.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned to discuss this application since the Office Action does not address or acknowledge the Preliminary Amendment or pending claims 3-51. Nevertheless, in order to render a complete response to the Office Action of November 27, 2001 during the specified period for response, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely claim 1.